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Chief Executive

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

January has been an exciting month for tournament play with both the open national titles for GC and AC up for grabs and the GC 3+ Championship being held as well.

Congratulations to all winners and a big thank you to the clubs and associations, and their armies of volunteers, hosting these events.

We were also able to stream the New Zealand Open in AC from Christchurch on the YouTube channel of Whakaata Māori. The streaming

team led by Greg did an outstanding job bringing croquet to viewers around New Zealand and the world. Streaming any of our tournaments requires a lot of planning, setting up, operating the equipment, directing cameras, providing the graphics, doing the commentary etc. The quality of the production was outstanding! I would like to thank the entire team of volunteers who generously donated their time in extremely challenging conditions so that viewers all over the world can watch our game.

Our next tournament scheduled for streaming will be the Terminator Mallets GC U21 Championship held over the Easter weekend at the Waimarie-Hutt Valley CC. If you live in the Wellington region and would like to get involved, we will be advertising for volunteers on our Facebook page a bit closer to the event.

As outlined in our last newsletter, the project to draft a new CNZ constitution and assist associations and clubs with their new constitutions is now well under way. A discussion paper has been shared with all CNZ Members for feedback by the end of February.

Enjoy!

Stefan Horrer

CNZ Tournaments

GC Nationals Results

During a busy month for CNZ tournaments, the GC Nationals were held in Mount Maunganui from 8-13 January.

Logan McCorkindale won his 2nd Singles title, while **Paul Kaiser & James Galpin** won the Doubles. James became only the second international winner of the doubles, visiting from England for a few weeks.

Full report [here](#).

GC 3+ Results

Thames CC played host to the GC 3+ Championship from 12-14 January.

In one of the most open CNZ tournaments in recent memory, with four players at a shot at the title going into the final games, **John Watson** won his first CNZ tournament.

Full report [here](#).

NZ Open Results



The NZ Open was held in Christchurch at the United & Cashmere clubs from 20-27 January.

Toby Garrison & Jarrod Coutts won the Doubles, taking home the Paul Skinley Trophies.

In front of a decent crowd and many watching on Whakaata Māori's live stream, **Logan McCorkindale** defended his Singles title and became just the second player to win the GC Nationals and NZ Open in the same season.

You can watch the full final [here](#).

Full report [here](#).

You can see photos of all our recent tournaments on our [Facebook page](#).

Upcoming Tournaments

The Men & Women's Championship will be held from 7-11 February at Rose Gardens in Palmerston North.

The South Island GC Championships will be played for the first time since 2021 at Waireka CC in South Canterbury from 22-25 February.

In early March, the Women's GC Invitation will be played at Waipu CC in Northland. You can find the list of selected players for the Invitation Event [here](#).

Don Reyland & Arthur Ross Events

Associations are reminded to submit their entries for our GC and AC Handicap events.

Entries for the Don Reyland close on **22 February** and entries for the Arthur Ross close on **7 March**.

The Don Reyland Stars will be held from 8-10 March in Dunedin, and the Arthur Ross Final will be in Blenheim from 22-24 March.

World Croquet Federation

2024 GC World Championships

This year's GC World Championships will be held at Chesapeake Bay CC in Virginia, USA from 18-26 October.

Players who wish to be considered for a place should email CNZ by **Wednesday 10 March**.

More information on the Championship can be found [here](#).

Club News

Cashmere Centenary

Cashmere Croquet Club will be celebrating 100 consecutive years of picturesque hoop running on Saturday 13 April.

There will be themed social croquet in the afternoon followed by dinner at The Old Stone House.

To express interest in attending, please contact Ken Lomax [here](#).

Cross-Generation Success in Waikato



Heather Aitken from Matamata first invited her grandson Declan Reilly to play croquet with her four years ago.

Since then, Declan joined the family Business House team at Claudelands at the end of 2022, in which they won their division.

Declan is now a member at Hamilton East, but still plays in regional tournaments with his Nanna. The pair won a minor prize in Matamata and then had four wins in the Morrinsville Raewyn Kivits Tournament.

They hope for many more events together in the future.

Waikanae 4+ AC Tournament



Players from Kāpiti, Wellington and Wairarapa entered the Waikanae 4+ AC Tournament held in January.

Shaun Theobald from Waimarie Hutt Valley took first place, with Mark Huttley and Wayne Gair in 2nd and 3rd.

The club hopes to have even more entries for the event next season.

Innovations in Katikati



Cliff Stuart of Katikati CC has adapted his walker with a scooper to be able to move balls around and reduce bending during matches.

The walker is accepted onto lawns during Bay of Plenty tournaments.

Innovations and adaptations to mallets and other equipment are somewhat unique to our sport, making it more accessible and creating wider opportunities for New Zealanders to play croquet.

Hamilton East 70th Anniversary

On 2 December, Hamilton East CC celebrated its 70th Anniversary with a relaxed Christmas lunch.

Pictured is oldest member Peter Woofe cutting the cake.



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